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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 23RD, 1904.

WHEN the war is over, we are to have another agitation against the opium traffic. So we gather from some free literature which has reached us from America. The fact that the date fixed for it is so uncertain places it among the future troubles that seem to have but little concern with us to-day; but a little cold water poured on them at the outset should not come amiss to these ardent spirits who wish to do something for China "when the war is over." The International Reform Bureau of Washington claims to have shown considerable patience, forbearing to trouble England with the matter while she was occupied with the other Boers. In October last, however, the Rt. Hon. A. J. BALFOUR had a long letter from them, for which he promised "careful consideration." The letter, with a certain degree of tact, besought the British Government to cancel its "dishonorable treaty" with China, and went on: "You doubtless know that the opium revenue from China is diminishing toward a vanishing point, and this would seem to be from every point of view the strategic time to create a favourable impression on international public opinion, before the cry shall be raised that China, having been delivered from the paw of the Bear, must be delivered from the more destructive paw of the Lion." The writer, Mr. WILFRED F. CRAVEN, strokes the British Premier down neatly by assuring him of "my very high opinion of the British Government"; and proceeds to quote Wu Ting FANG, Chinese Minister at Washington, to the effect that although China now raises much opium, "because otherwise it must have it from" in connection with the scheme.

outside, the entire business would be swiftly suppressed if Great Britain would give the Chinese a free hand." There is room for more than one opinion, we suppose, as to the honourable or dishonourable character of our old treaty. As to it being particularly an opium treaty, we know of no greater reason for so calling it than the fact that the Emperor of China agreed to pay the value of some opium that was "delivered up at Canton in the month of March, 1839, as a ransom" for certain Englishmen then imprisoned and threatened with death. To speak of the "compulsory sale of opium, (particularly) enforced by British treaty," is as false as it seems to be fashionable. It is worth while to note the remark by Wu Ting FANG, which the anti-opium people quote so glibly, China, which at present "raises much opium, because otherwise it must have it from outside," is said to need only a free hand to suppress the use of the drug altogether. If ever two mutually exclusive propositions were linked together, they are linked together here, surely? In any case, there is little likelihood of China refusing to import opium while it enhances her revenue as it does at present. The objection in the first place was probably to all foreign imports, and not to opium particularly; and it has to be remembered that opium was "an article of trade at Canton in the middle of last century." To call it the white man's poison is nonsense. It was introduced by Chinese from Java, and the white man catered to a "long felt want." He is still entering, in competition with the enormous native growth; and providing a much purer article than that prepared by the Chinese themselves. Here is more useful work for the Reform Bureau, to push the sale of the less injurious article! As to facts, the Reform Bureau mentions the desire of the Chinese Government to prohibit its use, while the *Shen-pao* of Shanghai says it is "loth to give up this source of revenue." A Chefoo missionary is reported to have written that "the opium habit . . . is draining the resources of the people and consequently their purchasing power." Apropos thereof, there is a story worth retelling of the anti-tobacco crank and the smoker. "What does your tobacco cost you a week?" the smoker was asked. "About half a crown," he answered. "How long have you smoked at that rate?" was the next question. "About ten years" said the smoker. "Has it ever occurred to you that with the money so wasted, invested at compound interest, you could now have owned the house you live in?" The benighted man removed his pipe to ask: "Do you smoke?" "No." "Do you own the house you live in?" "No." "Well, then?" Perhaps there are some other reasons for China's poverty.

We cannot resist the temptation to assist our junior morning contemporary in its endeavour to impress the public with a due sense of the fact that, as stated in its issue of Tuesday last, it "has done its best to serve the public well in local news, original articles, etc."

By way of illustration we may point to the "original (leading) article" in its issue of yesterday, which begins with the intimation that "it is fitting that some thought should be devoted to the influence the President of the United States is likely to have in the immediate future, as in the past, on world politics"—and in which our contemporary's thought consists of cutting a column and a half from a leading article in *The Statist* of November 12th, and palming it off as its very own original leader.

The German Mail of the 23rd November was delivered in London on the 21st inst.

The various business premises of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. will close at seven o'clock on Christmas Eve.

Cpl. J. Crawford, of the Engineer Company of the Volunteers, has been promoted to the Sergeantcy resigned by Sgt. J. Perks.

Up to the 3rd inst. 206,349 blankets had been presented to the Japanese Government for the use of the troops in Manchuria.

Before Mr. F. A. Hazelton at the Police Court yesterday six Filipinos were charged with disorderly conduct, in that they did threaten the owner of a boat licensed to carry three passengers because he refused to take them off to a ship. A fine of \$3 was inflicted in each case.

The *Nagasaki Press* of December 12th states that a syndicate has been formed in Tokyo for the purpose of establishing a general printing, publishing, typesetting, and stationery business in China. The capital is to be Yen 600,000 in 12,000 shares to be floated as a joint-stock concern, and it is stated that the subscription is already guaranteed. Some of the promoters are going to China next month nearly by assuring him of "my very high opinion of the British Government"; and proceeds to quote Wu Ting FANG, Chinese Minister at Washington, to the effect that although China now raises much opium,

His Majesty's cruiser *Hogue* sailed on 21st November from Gibraltar for the China Station.

The Pilots' examination which was to have been held at the Harbour Office yesterday has been postponed indefinitely. Due notification of the next examination will be given in the *Government Gazette*.

The *Suffolk*, cruiser, Capt. R. H. Johnstone Stewart, was paid off at Portsmouth on 18th November and was recommissioned by Capt. W. L. Grand to relieve the *Leylandian*, cruiser, on the China Station, the latter cruiser taking the place of the *Bacchante*, cruiser, on the Mediterranean Station.

We are informed by the General Managers of the Tebrau Planting Co., Ltd., that they are in receipt of advice from their Manager, Mr. Larkon, to the effect that the negotiations for the sale of the Company's property which have been going on for some time have been brought to a successful issue and that the same has been sold for \$50,000 cash.

During the month of October, Japanese coal amounting to 262,100 tons was exported from Moji to other home and foreign ports, showing a decrease of 18,101 tons on the figures for the preceding month. The stock of coal at the northern port was returned as 415,742 tons at the beginning of November, and as 312,836 tons on the 1st inst.

Herr Alb. Friedenthal, a master of the pianoforte who is taking a pleasure trip round the world, arrived in the Colony yesterday, and has announced the intention of giving a concert on his return south in the course of a couple of months if he can be guaranteed a good house. We imagine there will be no difficulty on that score, for it is not every year that pianoforte players of the ability and repute of Herr Friedenthal come this way.

The Korean Foreign Office, according to a report in the *Korea Daily News*, has declared the contract entered into between a Korean styling himself the head of the Korean Fisheries Co., and a Japanese whaling syndicate at Nagasaki, for whaling rights on the Korean coasts, null and void. The Foreign Office is unaware of the existence of a "Korean Fisheries Co." and moreover cannot endorse any such contract, which was made without its knowledge.

The presentation by the German Emperor of the state of Frederick the Great to the people of the United States was the chief subject of discussion on Nov. 20th in Berlin, and considerable space was devoted to the speeches delivered on that occasion by the German Ambassador and President Roosevelt. The occasion was utilized by the Bismarckian *Hamburger Nachrichten* to make a few remarks on the way the German Government ought, in its opinion, to treat the Government of the United States. Bismarck, it pointed out, "never ran after" America, but, on the contrary, found it necessary now and then to repel with energy America's demands, and yet he was successful in cultivating friendly relations with that country. Presents such as that just given to the Americans tend to make them "only more vain and insolent than ever," and it is far better to allow them less friendliness and more energy. While always aiming at good relations with the United States, concluded the journal, let us remain towards them cool, reserved, and conscious of our own importance.

FOOTBALL.

To-morrow afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play the R.E. Kick-off at 4:45 p.m. The following will play for the Club:—F. H. Kew, goal; G. E. Morris and W. G. Leekie, backs; H. C. Gray, R. Macpherson, and F. C. Hall, halves; A. O. Lang, W. B. Elwes, W. N. Williams, J. Clark, and H. L. Garrett, forwards.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT.

At the City Hall last night a large and appreciative audience were again delighted by another of the S.M.S. *Fuerst Bismarck* Band concerts. It was a Wagner evening, and under the baton of their able bandmaster, Herr S. G. Stolle, the band went through the following programme: Overture . . . "Oberon" . . . Weber Chorus of Pilgrims . . . "Tannhauser" . . . Wagner (a.) Moments Musical . . . Schubert (b.) Nocturne from the Ballet "Coppelia" Delibes (String Quartet).

Siegfried's Love Song . . . "Walkure" . . . Wagner Introduction Act III . . . "Lohengrin" . . . Wagner Overture . . . "Zauberflote" . . . Mozart Larghetto . . . "Symphony II" . . . Beethoven (a.) Entr'acte . . . "Mignon" . . . Thomas (b.) Arie's Death "Peer Gynt Suite II" . . . Grieg (String Quartet).

Introduction and Chorus . . . "Rienzi" . . . Wagner Steersman's Song and Chorus of Sailors "The Flying Dutchman" . . . Wagner

NEW FAST CRUISER.

His Majesty's new cruiser *Topaze*, the first of a new type of fast third-class cruisers designed to steam 21½ knots per hour, has been reported ready for delivery from the works of Messrs. Cammell, Laird, and Co., Birkenhead, where her keel plate was laid on August 14, 1902, and instructions were issued by the Admiralty for her to be commissioned at Devonport on December 6 by Commander Vivian H. G. Bernard, of the Naval Intelligence Department, for her first term of active service. The *Topaze*, which will be the fastest third-class cruiser in the Royal Navy in commission, has a length of 360 feet, a breadth of 40 feet, and a displacement of 3,000 tons, her machinery being of 9,300 horse power, and supplied with steam from Laird-Norman watertube boilers. The *Topaze* is intended for service in the Channel Fleet in place of the *Hermes*, second-class cruiser, and has cost nearly £240,000.

TELEGRAMS.

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FAMOUS BRITISH ADMIRAL DEAD.

LONDON, 22nd December. Admiral Omanney (retired list) is dead.

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SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 22nd December.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.
BEFORE SIR H. S. BERKELEY (CHIEF JUSTICE).

ALLEGED MURDER.

Charles Smith, age 20, unemployed seaman, fixed abode U.S.A.; Erik Hogman, age 22, unemployed seaman, fixed abode Finland; William Nason, age 17, unemployed seaman, fixed abode U.S.A., were charged with having, on the 27th November last, in Victoria Harbour, wilfully and maliciously with premeditation, killed Chan Yee. The Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C. (Attorney-General), instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley (Crown Solicitor), prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, and the prisoners were defended as follows:—The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, for Charles Smith; Mr. Norman Ferrers, for Erik Hogman; Mr. H. S. Calthrop, for William Nason; Mr. O. D. Thomsen instructed in each instance.

The prisoners pleaded not guilty. The following jurors were sworn, eight others having first been challenged:—Messrs. C. H. W. Kew (Foreman), S. J. Michael, T. Banks, C. G. S. Mackie, J. Johnstone, R. H. King and G. M. Smith.

In his opening statement for the Crown the Attorney-General said that the present charge against the prisoners was that of murdering a woman called Chan Yee, by drowning, on the night of the 27th November last. He then proceeded to outline the case, but said he would defer any comment till after they had heard the evidence. The law, he thought, was simple in the case. There are only two points that could possibly arise. Where several persons joined together for an unlawful purpose, intending to resist such as may oppose them, they were all guilty of murder if death should be caused in the prosecution of that purpose. He should certainly prove that the prisoners set out on an expedition with the unlawful common purpose of stealing a sampan and of resisting the crew in case the crew endeavoured to defeat their purpose. He did not suggest for a moment that their sole object was to kill. The worst murderer they had had—Peace was hanged for a murder which, it was clear, he did not set out to do, but he set out for an unlawful purpose. It was also immaterial whether the deceased were actually thrown overboard or whether they jumped overboard, dreading the prisoners' violence. The evidence, he thought, was perfectly clear that they were thrown overboard, but even supposing there were any doubts about the fact the prisoners would be responsible. The prisoners had been here for many months. He did not wish to say more on that point, but the men belonged to a class which was becoming a curse to the community. Acting for the Crown, he did not desire to unduly press the charge against the unhappy men, but he thought that when the jury had heard the evidence they would not be able to entertain doubt that they were guilty of the charge.

Kwok Tai Chan said—I am a sampan man. I owned a sampan on the 27th November—a third class passenger sampan. I have not seen it since the 27th November. Formerly I lived on it with my wife, Chan Yee—the deceased—Kwok Su, son sixteen years old, Kwok Nui, a daughter aged thirteen, Kwok Sui Lo, a son nine years old, and Kwok Pit, a daughter aged four.

On the evening of Sunday, the 27th, at about a quarter to nine, I saw the prisoners. I was in the street near the Praya. My sampan was lying off the Praya wharf, anchored a little way off. She was close to Pottinger Street Wharf. The wind that night was light from the north-east: there was a spring tide towards the west. When I saw the prisoners they were standing together on the Praya wharf. I asked "You want sampan?" and he (Charles Smith) said "Yes." "What ship, please?" I said; he said "Want go four-mast American, California, China." He said "How much charge?" My say "Too dark, wind, three men, eighty cents." He said "Sixty" and we agree to seventy cents. He (Smith) carried on the whole conversation. He told me to get the boat alongside, and they went down and got on board. The first prisoner climbed down by the mast; the second and third jumped into the boat. They wanted to go, but he (Smith) said I need not go, so I did not go. I walked on the wharf and saw the boat off, and saw one of the prisoners hoist up a sail; then they disappeared, heading towards the China. I waited for the return of my boat. A man named Fung Tsai Sing and my son Kwok Su came up to me and made a report; my son was carrying a jacket which was wet. He was wearing dry clothes, but his hair was wet. I went up to Central Police Station with him and made report. I had given my wife \$20 on the previous Friday, but do not know if she had any on the sampan. I next saw Kwok Nui and Kwok Sui Lo, my other children, on the next Friday. They were in the Detective Department at Central Police Station. That was at about ten o'clock in the morning. I have never since the night in question seen my wife and other child alive. On the Friday at about noon I saw the dead body of my wife at the Water Police Station, Kowloon. I saw the dead body of Kwok Pit, my daughter, next day at the same place. A day or two afterwards I was taken in the gaol to see if I could identify the prisoners. There were about twenty in a row, but I only identified one (Smith). I recognise this (a looking glass); it is my property. It was in my sampan on the night of the 27th November. I recognise this (a broken piece of a tea-cup stand); it was in the stern of the sampan on the night the prisoners went away. That is my son; that my daughter; and that my daughter. They

were three of my four children on the sampan that night.

By the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai—I had left my boat a little over an hour when I first saw the prisoners. I was standing about three or four cheungs from my boat. I did not meet anyone of my friends during that hour. First of all I bought some fruit, and then was looking for business. I did not notice any Europeans passing by during that hour, though I was looking for them; and I saw no constables. I first saw the first prisoner coming from the direction of the German Theatre. It was very dark. I looked into the sampan and saw these exhibits before the prisoners left.

Kwok Su, son of the first witness, in his evidence said:—We went out rowing, but the foreigners put up the sail. I was in the bow rowing; my mother was steering in the stern, also my two sisters; my nine-year-old brother was asleep in the main hold. I continued rowing after the sail was put up. First of all I saw one of the prisoners pressing my mother down. Next, another of the prisoners pressed my sister down; I was pressed down too, by that prisoner (William Nason). First of all Nason was sitting down in the well, and then he came forward. He put his two hands around my neck. He hit me on the head just above the ear. He cut my leg with a small knife. He had not the knife in his hand when he first attacked me; he got it during the struggle. The struggle lasted some time; about half an hour. He was trying to tie my feet with a cord. Finally, he threw me overboard. I swam towards the American steamer, and a boat came to where I was and picked me up. I shouted out "Save life." I clung on to the rudder of the American steamer (one funnel and three masts). I was about half an hour in the water. I told the sampan people what had happened. They were on their way to Yaumati, but turned around and came to Hongkong. I got dry clothes on the sampan, and was brought to where my father was. My mother and Kwok Pit were still on board when I was thrown overboard. I have never seen my mother alive since. I was taken to the gaol to identify the prisoners. There were numerous foreigners put in a row; I identified the third prisoner (William Nason). When I was thrown overboard I was near the Austrian Lloyd steamer.

By Mr. Norman Ferrers—I do not recognise the second prisoner (Charles Smith). I can only speak to the third prisoner.

By Mr. Calthrop—When produced, the knife was open. I was struggling the whole time. I did not get near the side of the boat. At the Police Court I said the Austrian Lloyd steamer was only five sampan lengths off, and the boat that picked me up only two sampan lengths off. It would be difficult to fall overboard.

Kwok Nui said that she walked forward, fell into the hold, and became unconscious. She had a knock. She went ashore.

Fung Tsai Sing, the boatman who picked up the boy, gave corroborative evidence. He was on his way from near the Harbour Office to his usual anchorage at Yaumati, and when near the American mail, heard the boy shouting out "Save life." He did not see the sampan from which the boy had been thrown. The American steamer had one yellow funnel and three masts.

Chang Sui, a farmer from Cheung-sha, near Pui-o, in Lantao Island, said:—I was picking cockles on the shore and found two children near some rocks. I took them to the village and kept them for two or three days, and then took them to the police station at Cheung Chow (Dumbell Island) in consequence of what they had told me. The girl had a wound on her right eye. I saw a strange sampan, which was afterwards smashed to pieces by the sea.

Another man from Lantao gave similar evidence.

Kwong Luk said: I am a fisherman from Shan Shui Kok, Lantao Island, near Capo'mu. I saw three foreigners at my place on the 1st December. That was at four o'clock in the afternoon. I was working. One of them asked me for some tobacco. I gave them some and offered them rice. They did not accept the food. They did not pay any money. I identify the first two prisoners (Smith and Hogman). Later, I was cooking my rice, and one of them came up to me with a twenty-cent piece, and pointed to my boat. By gestures they indicated that they wanted to go to the mainland in my boat. This I refused and they went away in my boat. I went to Cho Fat, the owner of the boat, and three of us got into a second boat and chased them as far as Motaiwan (The Brothers) and then caught them. Then the men got into our boat, and were landed on the mainland. On the fourth of Dec mber I went to the gaol and identified two of the prisoners (Smith and Hogman).

So Fat, another fisherman, who had taken part in the chase, gave evidence. He landed the three men near Castle Peak.

P. C. Walter Edwards said—On the afternoon of the 3rd December I found the body of a child about fifty yards west of Kellef Island, and brought it to the Water Police Station. The body was identified on the same evening by the child's father—that man (first witness).

By Mr. Ferrers—The clothes were not in any way torn as far as I could see.

P. C. George Bird said:—On the morning of the 2nd December I found the body of a woman near Kellef Island, and brought it to the Water Police Station.

By Mr. Ferrers—The body was naked.

Wong Yuen Sun, coxswain of No. 5 Police Launch, gave corroborative evidence.

Police Inspector Withers said:—On the night of the 27th November I was on duty at Central Police Station, and his report was made by a man and his son—those. The boy's clothes were dry, but he had a wet jacket with him, and his hair was wet. On the 2nd De-

cember I brought them to the Water Police Station to identify the body of the woman.

By Mr. Ferrers—The boy complained that he had been bitten on the head and otherwise assaulted. At that time he said nothing about injury to his ankle, or about the knife.

Re-examined—He complained of having been thrown overboard.

Dr. William Hunter, M.O. in charge of post-mortem examinations, said:—On the 3rd December I made an examination of the body of Chan Yee. From the examination I should say she had been dead about a week, and cause of death, drowning. I also examined the body of a child. I should say the cause of death and length of time in this case was the same as in the former. Wounds immediately before death would not have been visible.

By Mr. Ferrers—I could not see any marks of violence on the body of the woman.

P. S. Kern said:—On the morning of the 3rd December I was on the shore at Sha Kong in Deep Bay, and I saw the three prisoners going along the shore towards Mong Ching. With several Indian police constables I arrested the prisoners. They turned back, but could not get away. On one of them (Hogman) was found a looking-glass and a small sum of money, something less than two dollars. A knife was found on the person of Nason and a razor on Smith.

By Mr. Ferrers—The arrest was made three or four miles from Chinese territory. The prisoners did not try to get away. They were following a line that would have brought them into Chinese territory.

Re-examined—They could not have got away as I had Indian constables both before and behind them.

The Chief Detective Inspector, Mr. Hanson, said:—At about 9 a.m. on the 28th November I first saw the boy. He had a fresh mark on the right side of the head, and a long incised wound on the right leg above the ankle. I took it to have been inflicted by a knife. The boatman who identified the first prisoner did not make any false identifications. The man who identified the other prisoners picked out one wrong one. Some days later I went with the little girl to Lantao Island and found this exhibit (the piece of the tea stand).

Mr. Hanson here read the statements made by the prisoners when charged at the police station. These have already been reported in the *Daily Press*.

Dr. Ho Kai objected to William Nason's statement on the ground that the statement of one prisoner cannot be taken as evidence against another prisoner. Parts of the statement ought to be expunged.

His Lordship—You cannot leave it out altogether.

Dr. Ho Kai—I beg to quote "Russell on Crime."

His Lordship—Before you proceed I must make this fact clear:—was the statement of each prisoner made in the presence of the other prisoners?

Mr. Hanson—No, they made their statements separately.

His Lordship—if they had made their statements, the one in the presence of the other, an objection, for which there is authority, would arise, but this point does not arise because they tell me that they were apart.

Dr. Ho Kai—I said that if these statements could not be excluded they would, in each case, only be regarded as evidence against the man who made them.

His Lordship—I shall tell the jury that each man's admission is to be regarded against himself only.

Dr. Ho Kai submitted that it would be a pity to allow the jury to hear any part of a statement made, perhaps without any grounds whatever, against another prisoner. He asked His Lordship to reject anything in each of the statements applying to others than the man who made them.

Mr. Ferrers raised the same question, saying that a man might make a statement affecting others only.

His Lordship overruled the objection—if a man did as Mr. Ferrers suggested it would not be evidence against himself.

William Nason's statements read out at the Police Court were read.

Mr. Ferrers objected to Erik Hogman's statement being admitted as evidence because it was translated from the Swedish language and taken down in English, and not taken down in Swedish.

He said that in the courts at Hongkong there was great carelessness regarding interpretations.

His Lordship overruled this objection for the time being; Mr. Ferrers would have time before this morning to prove, if such were the case, that the Swedish interpreter was not a competent one.

Dr. Ho Kai—with regard to the statements made before the magistrate I repeat the objection I made before.

His Lordship noted this and the statements were read.

P. S. Cole gave evidence as to the position of the steamers mentioned on the night of the 27th November.

The Attorney-General—That closes the case for the Crown, My Lord.

In adjourning the case His Lordship said he was very sorry, but he would have to give instructions to the usher to find the jurors beds for the night. After precedents being quoted, however, His Lordship allowed the jurors to go home on the express understanding that they would not discuss the case with anyone outside.

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THEAILS.

The following letters appeared in the minutes of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, 21st October, 1904.

The Chairman, The London Chamber of Commerce, Oxford Court, London, E.C.

SIR.—The irregularity and uncertainty of the arrival of letters from Europe forwarded by the Messageries Maritimes has for some long time caused great inconvenience and dissatisfaction among merchants and others here.

During the current year the mails by English Packet have been delivered on an average in 32.1 days, by German Packet in 33.6 days, and by French Packet in 35.1 days.

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The accompanying table [omitted] showing dates of departure and arrival, number of days occupied in transit, and the interval between arrivals of French and English Mails, demonstrates, I think very clearly, that the idea of a weekly service is very far from realisation.

European correspondents are apt to imagine that in posting duplicates of English Mail advices by the following French Mail, they are ensuring the arrival of letters and documents in advance of cargo. This, however, is by no means the case, and serious inconvenience and delay are caused by the reverse of this being a common experience.

It is possible that this state of affairs is not so fully appreciated at Home as it is on this side, and as this Chamber feels that the matter is one of very considerable importance I venture to ask the good offices of your Chamber in bringing it to the notice of the Postal Authorities, in the hope that a solution of the difficulty may be found, either in the improvement of the present service in its substitution by another and more efficient medium.

I may add that if it has happened more than once that an overdue French Mail has been brought from Singapore or Hongkong by an English Mail steamer, thus bringing within the range of possibility the loss of both original and duplicate advices, a contingency which might involve very serious consequences.

I am also addressing the Manchester Chamber of Commerce on this subject.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) WILLIAM D. LITTLE, Chairman.

Chamber of Commerce,
Singapore, 4th November, 1904.

DEAR SIR.—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 21st ultimo with copy of your Chamber's letter of 21st ultmo addressed to the London Chamber drawing attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the French Mail Service and suggesting that the matter be laid before the Postal Authorities.

2.—The Government here has recently arranged for the despatch of an Outward and Homeward Mail Service via Nagapatam through the more efficient medium of the British India Steam Navigation Company, as explained in the accompanying extract from the Chairman's address at the half-yearly General Meeting held on the 22nd September last.

We fear any representations on the part of this Chamber to the Postal Authorities here would therefore have little effect, and we are at present practically independent of the French Mail Service; still we are quite in sympathy with your Chamber in this matter.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) A. J. GUNN, Secretary.

THE CHINESE IN FORMOSA.

A long lecture delivered in Shanghai recently by Mr. Consul Davidson of Formosa included the following extract:—The Chinese population may be divided into two classes, the Hoks, who speak the Amoy dialect and who came originally from Fokien province, and the Hakkas, who speak a Cantonese dialect and immigrated chiefly from the Kwangtung province, where they were practically outcasts. The Hakkas are a hardy and warlike race and predominate in the savage border districts, where land could be obtained for the taking and where a certain freedom from official oppression was ensured.

Unlike their Hoko brethren, they are generally fearless, and we thus find them, of all Chinese, most willing to undertake the making of camphor in dangerous districts. There are a few prosperous Haka villages in the plains; but, as a rule, the Haka prefers the hills. It is roughly estimated that there are in the islands nearly 500,000 of these people.

The Hoko, who number over 2,000,000, are the predominant race throughout the island. They have brought with them the customs of their homeland to such a degree that a Chinese village in Formosa presents the same features as a village in their home province. The houses are of like materials and are crowded together in the same unsanitary way, the narrow ill-serviced streets present the same filth and are as irregular, the street hawkers have the same call and exhibit the same wares, and the people are alike in their dress and habits. Like their brethren on the mainland they are industrious and economical, but, unfortunately, unclean and superstitious. If they possess any advantages over the great masses of the Chinese mainland, it is that the present generation are less anti-foreign and more liberal in many ways. The parents of the thousands of the Formosan Chinese arrived as strangers, practically, in a foreign land; they doubtless met with hardships and unkindness while obtaining a foothold, and it is perhaps this fact that has made them look with more kindly spirit towards strangers in general. Without a doubt, the splendid work of the missionary bodies in the island, who lived down the disfavour with which they were at first regarded, accounts to a great degree for the absence of any strong anti-foreign spirit among the people at present.

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A.M.C.S.,

Hongkong, 21st December, 1904. [2952]

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Notification

No. 858, the EXCHANGE BANKS will

CLOSED for the transaction of Public

Business on MONDAY, the 26th instant.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1904. [2959]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"ROON,"

OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby

informed that their goods, with the exception

of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being

landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns

of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and

Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon whence

delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless

notice to the contrary be given before 1 P.M.

TO-DAY, the 22nd inst.

No claims will be admitted after the goods

have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining

undelivered after the 29th inst., will be subject

to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on Thursday, the 29th inst., at

9.30 A.M.

Apply to—

A.M.C.S.,

Hongkong, 21st December, 1904. [2952]

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

No claims must reach us before the 3rd

January, 1905, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by the

undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1904.

INTIMATIONS PEAK HOTEL

A GRAND EVENING CONCERT

WILL BE GIVEN BY MISS HENRIETTE MURKENS (Violinist)

and Miss EDITH MEERYLEES (Pianist),

TO-NIGHT (FRIDAY), the 23rd inst., at 9.15 P.M.

Kindly assisted by Distinguished Local

Amateurs.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF YOUR
XMAS DINNER?
AND WHAT ABOUT THE
WINES?

REMEMBER THAT WE ONLY STOCK THE
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(OPPOSITE POST OFFICE). 2735-13

TO LET

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NO. 7, ROSE TERRACE, Kowloon, from
1st January, 1905.
Apply to— M. D'AZEVEDO,
No. 3, Rose Terrace,
Hongkong, 21st December, 1904. [2950]

TO LET.

NOS. 19 & 21, SEYMOUR ROAD.

No. 74, CAINE ROAD.
GODOWNS Nos. 34a, 34b, 34c, Praya East
Possession from 1st January, 1905.

Apply to— D. DORABEE,
King Edward Hotel.
Hongkong, 25th December, 1904. [2751]

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

BAPTISTY, British str., 1,542. Shotton, 22nd Dec.
—Shanghai 16th Dec.—Fodwell & Co.
ELISABETH RICHARDSON, German str., 390. G.
Gatsby, 22nd Dec.—Bengkuk 14th Dec.
KING—Butterfield & Swire.
ELMA LUYKIN, German str., 1,100. H. Martens,
21st Dec.—Singapore (Java) 16th Dec.
SUGAR & COTTON SEED—Chinese.
GERMANY, German str., 1,714. J. Brub, 22nd
December.—Paigong 12th Dec., Rice.—
JESCO & CO.
PAIMUN, British str., 626. A. Robson, 22nd
Dec.—Swatow 21st December, General.—
Doughs Lapin & Co.
MANCHURIA, American str., 8,750. J. W.
Saunders, 22nd Dec., San Francisco 19th
November and Shanghai 15th Dec., Mails
and General—Pacific Mail S.S. Co.
NASHVILLE, British str., 1,299. Stowell, 22nd
December.—Moji 16th December, Coal.—
Bradley & Co.
ORANGE, Norwegian str., 1,061. J. Ch. Daeneyig,
22nd Dec.—Moji 16th December, Coal.—
Sander, Wieler & Co.
REIN, German str., 5,034. G. Meiners, 22nd
December.—Hamble 10th Nov. and Singa-
pore 17th Dec., Mails and General—Mei-
ders & Co.
SHANXI, British str., 1,238. J. G. Cornish, 22nd
December.—Canton 21st Dec., General.—
Butterfield & Swire.
SCHALENE, British str., 1,700. Dean, 22nd
December.—Lively 10th and Singapore 12th
December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
TRITON, German str., 1,063. H. Kraft, 21st
December.—Saigon 16th Dec., Rice.—
Siemens & Co.
WORLDWIDE, British str., 2,796. E. G. Broad-
head, 22nd Dec.—Cardiff 8th Oct., Coal.—
Orde.
WEFANG, British str., 1,127. M. Bin, 22nd Dec.,
Canton 21st Dec., General—Jardine,
Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HONGKONG MASTERS' OFFICE.

22nd December.

Chrysanthemum, British str., for Sharqah.
Clara Jilson, German str., for Chinkiang.
Eosun, British str., for Canton.
Shensi, British str., for Shanghai.
Triles, German str., for Tianjin.

DEPARTURES.

22nd December.
AUSTRALIAN, British str., for Kobe.
EVIE T. HAY, Amer. ship, for Cebu.
HAILIAN, French str., for Pukhoi.
HONGKONG, French str., for Kwangchauwan.
HSIEN HO, Chinese str., for Canton.
LOKANG, Dutch str., for Canton.
PROFIET, Norwegian str., for Bangkok.
SATSUMA, British str., for Shanghai.
SEELA, British str., for Newcastle.
SILVERD, British str., for Shangai.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

22nd December.

ANERDEEN DOCKS—
KOW LOON DOCKS—U.S.S. Falbomer, Agree-
ment, Her. Indorelli, H.M.S. Thetis, Medan,
Empress of China.
COSMO OF TASMANIA—Titania.

VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

Nov. 30, Dutch steamer *Adriano*, De Boer,
Nov. 30, from Batavia for Rotterdam.
Dec. 2, British steamer *Vedra*, from East.
Dec. 3, British 4-m. barque *Heward D. Troop*,
Coming from Kobe for New York.
Dec. 4, British steamer *Islander*, Wright,
Dec. 2, from Christmas Island for Singapore.
Dec. 4, Dutch steamer *Hippus*, Husband,
Dec. 4, from Batavia for Amsterdam.
Dec. 4, French ship *Douceuse*, Reze, Nov.
13, from Saigon for France.
Dec. 6, British steamer *Messequine*, Oct. 6,
from New York for Port Said and Manila.
Dec. 6, American ship *E. B. Sulmon*, Johnson,
Nov. 15, from Hongkong for New York.
Dec. 6, British steamer *Katharine Park*, Oct.
19, from Cardiff for Antwerp.
Dec. 7, Dutch steamer *Merczi*, Udena, Oct.
29, from Rotterdam for Batavia.
Dec. 7, British steamer *Reijntje*, from West.
Dec. 7, Dutch steamer *Kadri*, Vlaardingen, Oct.
23, from Rotterdam for Batavia.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE
AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"ROON,"
OF THE NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD,
Captain Mein's, will leave for the above place
TO-DAY, the 23rd inst., at 9 A.M.
NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD,
For Further Particulars apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1904. [5]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHEW.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN,"
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above
ports TO-DAY, the 23rd inst., at 2 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1904. [255]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.STEAM TO SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA
AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINA,"
Captain Tomannovitch, will leave for the above
places TO-MORROW, the 24th inst., P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & CO.,

Agents,
Princes' Buildings.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1904. [13]

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, STRAITS AND RANGOON.

THE Company's Steamship

"PALAMCOTTA,"
will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 27th inst., at DAYLIGHT.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1904. [2934]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To obtain the following Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections running from Green Island, K. against Hengkong H. midway between Hengkong and Kowloon M, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf K.W. together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's.

2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.

4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

 STEAM FOR SAIGON,
SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, INDIA, ADEN,
EGYPT, MARSEILLES,
LONDON, HAVRE, BOR-
DEAUX, MEDITERRA-
NEAN AND BLACK SEA
PORTS.

THE Steamship

"TONKIN,"
Captain Schmitz, will be despatched for
MARSELLES on TUESDAY, the 27th
December, at 1 P.M.

Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading
issued for above ports.

Cargo also booked for principal places in
Europe.

Next sailings will be as follows:

S.S. "DUMBEA" ... 10th January, 1905.

S.S. "AUSTRALIEN" ... 24th January, 1905.

S.S. "SALAZIE" ... 7th February, 1905.

L. BRIDOU,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1904. [2]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT).

Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG,
COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI,
ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.

Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS,
to SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN GULF, RED
SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and
ADRIATIC PORTS.

THE Company's Steamship

"GISLA"

Captain Daniamovich, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 29th inst., P.M.

For information as to Passage and Freight,
apply to

SANDER, WIELER & CO.,

Agents.

Princes' Buildings.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904. [3]

REGULAR
STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW
YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG
1904.

* SHIMOSA ... 30th Dec.
* GHAZEE ... 25th Jan.
* SATSUMA ... 6th Feb.

* via Malabar Coast.

For Freight and further information, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Agents.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"BENLOMOND,"

Captain Clark, will be despatched as above
or about the 10th January, 1905.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1904. [2888]

NATAI LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS
IN CHINA AND JAPAN for the above Line
are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS
OF LADING for all the principal ports in
SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with
INDO-CHINA STATE NAVIGATION Co.'s fortnightly
service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from
CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.
For Freight and further particulars,
apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.

General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

THE British Steamship

"YING KING,"

Captain E. J. Page, of 1,68 tons, Registered, is
the newest, latest and most luxuriously furnished
steamer on the line and is lighted throughout
with electricity; hot and cold water service.
The cuisine is unexcelled.

Leaving Hongkong every MONDAY
WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY EVENING,
at 9 P.M. and returning from Canton every
following evening at 5 P.M.

1st Class ... \$3.00 for Single Journey
2nd " ... 1.50
Meals " ... 1.00 each."

The steamer's wharf is at the Western end
of Wing Lok Street.

YUKON S.S. CO., LTD.

No. 216, Wing Lok Street.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1904.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI"

Captain T. Austin, R.N.E.

THIS Steamer departs from Hongkong, on
Week Days, at 8 A.M.; and on Sundays,
at 8.30 A.M. Departs from Macao on Week Days
about 2.30 P.M. and on Sundays at 6.30 P.M.

FARE (week days) 1st Class \$1.00 including cabin
and servant, Single \$0.50, Return Ticket \$5.
2nd Class \$1.00, 3rd Class 50 cents.

Every Sunday will be an Excursion, at the
following rates:

1st and 2nd Class, Single Ticket \$1.00, Return
\$2.00, 3rd Class, Single 30 cents, Return
50 cents, Steerage 10 cents.

Tiffin and Dinner can be supplied either on
board, or at the Macao Hotel, for returning
Passengers only, at an extra charge of \$2.

On Sundays, Passengers desiring to have a
Private Cabin, which has accommodation for
two or more Passengers, will be charged \$3.
extra.

First Class Passengers who do not care to
do so the following day (Monday) on production
of the Return Half Ticket. Should the
Steamer not run on the Monday, owing to the
Boiler cleaning, due notice will be given by the
Captain, and the Half-ticket will be available
for the following day.

The Steamer's Wharf at Hongkong is at the
Western end of Wing Lok Street.

MING ON & CO.

2nd Floor, 16, Victoria Street.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1904. [28]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER-DIENST.

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON S. S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.

CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA

VIA

MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

SAILING DATE.

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CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
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FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
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TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
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HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	MOYUNE	On 3rd January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	HYSON	On 17th January.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	HECTOR	On 20th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	PRIAM	On 31st January.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PELEUS	On 28th December.

For Freight, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

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Hongkong, 7th December, 1904.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	KWANGSE
SHANGHAI	SHANSI
SHANGHAI	WOOSUNG
NAGASAKI	CHIHLI

PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BEISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE. * TEAN

On 27th December.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

+ Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

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REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1904.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, FOR SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG,

PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIc PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION STEAMERS.

SAILING DATES.

1904

SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY	4th January 1905
ROON	WEDNESDAY	16th January
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY	1st February
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY	15th February
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY	1st March
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY	15th March
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY	29th March
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY	12th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY	26th April

ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of JANUARY, 1905 at NOON, the Steamship "SEYDLITZ," Captain C. Dewers, with MAIls, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES AND GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 2nd January. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 3rd January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 3rd January.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50.

Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.

Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1904.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG via INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FOR OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP TONS. CAPTAIN SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON

"NICOMEDIA"	4,370	Wagner	January 9th, 1905.
"NUMANTIA"	4,370	Brahmer	January 31st, 1905.
"ARABIA"	4,483	Bahle	February 20th, 1905.
"ARAGONIA"	5,198	Schmidt	März 12th, 1905.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Points. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1904.

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SOUTH AFRICAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

HONGKONG DIRECT, OR VIA CHEFOO OR CHIN-WAN-TAO, TO DURBAN, NATAL

The following chartered steamers will run at intervals of about 3 weeks—

SS. "LOTHIAN"	Captain J. C. Williamson.
SS. "SOFALA"	Captain G. A. Shepherd.
SS. "INDRASHAMA"	Captain E. P. Craven.
SS. "INDRAVELLI"	Captain S. Collington.
SS. "COUVENT"	Captain J. W. Martin.
SS. "SWANLEY"	Captain J. P. Dawson.
SS. "CRANLEY"	Captain W. E. Steele.
SS. "IKBAL"	Captain M. Robertson.
SS. "ASCOT"	Captain C. E. Cox.
SS. "INKUM"	Captain E. S. Pearce.
SS. "SIKH"	Captain J. Rowley.
SS. "SEALDA"	Captain G. Brown.

The S.S. "SEALDA" will be despatched for Durban via Chin-Wan-Tao on SATURDAY,

24th inst.

For Freight, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1904.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL.

* MANILA DIRECT "YUENSANG" ... Fri., 23rd Dec., 4 P.M.

* SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA "LAISANG" Tues., 3rd Jan., 3 P.M.

* These steamers have superior accommodation for First-Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

† Taking Carve on Through Bills of Lading to Chefoo, Tientsin and Yangtze Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1904.

SAILING SHIPS.
ACOME, American 4-m ship, 2,937, McLellan, 19th Dec.—Kobe 9th Dec., General—Standard Oil Co.
ANCINES, British barque, 1,710, Sulter, 26th November—Fremantle 29th Sept., Sandwood—Order.
GEO. T. HAY, British ship, 2,000, E. Spicer, 20th Dec.—Cebu 26th Nov., Ballast—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
PRINCE ROBERT, Norwegian 4-m. barque, 2,655, Hansen, 22nd Dec., New York 9th July, Petroleum—Standard Oil Co.
TARUN, American schooner, 70, Probst, 13th December—Yap (Caroline Island); 4th Dec., Beeche-de-mar.—G. P. Lammet.

BRITISH WARSHIPS.
ALACRITY, British despatch-boat, 1,700, Comdr. R. M. Harbard.

ALBION, H.M. battleship, 12,050, Fremantle.

ALGERINE, British sloop, 1,050, Rowland Nugent.

BRITON, British gunboat, 710, Com. T. D. Pratt.

CHERUB, water tank and tug.

GLORY, British battleship, 13,030, Hon. W. G. St. pford.

HANDY, torpedo boat destroyer.

HUMBER, British storeship, 1,400, P. M. Ridder.

OTTER, torpedo boat destroyer, Lieut. E. H. Jellies.

PHENIX, British sloop, 1,050, John Nicholas.

ROARIO, British sloop, 950, Vivian.

TAKU, British destroyer, 250, Cromwell.

TAMAR, receiving ship, Commodore C. G. Dickson.

THESSALIS, British cruiser, J. O. A. Wilkinson.

TWEED, British gunboat, 362 tons, 3 guns, 200 h.p., in reserve.

Waterwitch, surveying-ship, 929 tons, 450 h.p.

Comdr. C. Hardy, at Mira Bay.

Whiting, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6 guns, 5,800 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Wells, Hongkong.

Wivern, coast defence ship, 2,570 tons, 5,600 h.p., in reserve.

Woodcock, gunboat, 150 tons, 2 guns, 550 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Hugo Sonnalle, Yen-gusse.

Woodlark, gunboat, 5 tons, 2 guns, 550 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Wason, Yung-tse.

AMOY ENGINEERING CO. LTD. AMOY

CALL FLAG E.

REPAIR WORK to Steamers and Launches. Castings in Brass and Iron.

Moderate charges. Work solicited.

J. D. EDWARDS, Manager.

Amoy, 3rd December, 1903.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The publ are requested to post their local Christmas Cards early on the 23rd and 24th of December.

Attention is called to page 5, paragraph 50, of the Hongkong Postal Guide, which has reference to the stamping and posting of Christmas and New Year Cards.

Cards which are sent or forwarded in closed covers with the corners cut off or with notched ends will be treated as letters and cannot be forwarded at Post Office rate.

Christmas Day the 25th and Boxing Day the 26th inst., having been declared public holidays, the Post Office will be closed, except from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one delivery and one collection as on Sundays. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

In future, the following will be the hours of clearance of Pillar Boxes in Kowloon.

Cosmopolitan Dock 8.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m.
Hutong Hock Dock 9.15 a.m., 1.00 p.m.
Yau Ma Ti Police station 9.00 a.m., 1.00 p.m.
Gas Works 9.05 a.m., 1.05 p.m.
Cameron Road 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 1.45 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

On Sundays there will be one clearance only.

The A.M.C. with the French mail of the 25th November, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 27th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 22nd October.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

	FOR	PER	DATE.
Canton			Hankow
Macao			Friday, 23rd, 7.30 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA			Friday, 23rd, 7.30 A.M.
Chinkiang			Friday, 23rd, 8.00 A.M.
Swatoow, Amoy and Foochow			Friday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Macao			Friday, 23rd, 1.00 P.M.
Shanghai			Friday, 23rd, 1.45 P.M.
Manila			Friday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore			Friday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Quang Chow Wan			Friday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Nantao			Friday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbae			Friday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Canton			Friday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Kongmeon, Kintchuk, Samshui, Shihsing, Takking and Wuchow			Friday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Canton			Saturday, 24th, 7.30 A.M.
Macao			Saturday, 24th, 7.30 A.M.
Pleiades			Saturday, 24th, 11.00 A.M.
Hungshan			Saturday, 24th, 1.45 P.M.
Tymali			Saturday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
M. Struve			Saturday, 24th, 5.09 P.M.
Takchin			Saturday, 24th, 5.09 P.M.
Hoife			Sunday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Wanchai			Sunday, 25th, 8.00 A.M.
Takching			Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Tzichuan			Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Hoife			Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Hoiam			Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Liuemoon			Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Nagasaki			Monday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Kongmeon, Kintchuk, Samshui, Shihsing, Takking and Wuchow			Monday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Namao			Monday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Sanbae			Monday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Macao			Monday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
MACAO, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and SAN FRANCISCO			Monday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.

TO-DAY.

Ordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd. noon.

Sale, Japanese Curios, &c. Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lamont, 2.30 p.m.

Grand evening Concert, Peak Hotel, 9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sale, Household Furniture, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2.30 p.m.

Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Co., Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

22nd December

ON LONDON.— Telegraphic Transfer 1/114

Bank Bills, on demand 1/113

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/113

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1/113

Credit, at 4 months' sight 1/114

Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight/1114

ON PARIS.— Bank Bills, on demand 243

Credit, at 4 months' sight 246

ON GERMANY.— On demand 197

ON NEW YORK.— Bank Bills, on demand 471

Credit, 60 days' sight 471

ON BOMBAY.— Telegraphic Transfer 143½

Bank, on demand 143½

ON CALCUTTA.— Telegraphic Transfer 143½

Bank, on demand 143½

ON SHANGHAI.— Bank, at sight 71½

Private, 30 days' sight 72½

ON YOKOHAMA.— On demand 943

ON MANILA.— On demand 934

ON SINGAPORE.— On demand 24 p.c. pm.

ON BATAYLA.— On demand 116

ON HAIPHONG.— On demand 31 p.c. pm.

ON SAIGON.— On demand 1 p.c. pm.

ON BANGKOK.— On demand 61

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate \$10.30

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael \$54.30

BAR SILVER, per oz. 284

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Coptic*, from San Francisco to the 26th Nov. via Honolulu, left Yokohama for this port on the morning of the 17th Dec. via Kobe, &c., and is due here on the 26th Dec.

The P.M. steamer *Korea*, from San Francisco to the 3rd Dec. via Honolulu, leaves Yokohama for this port on the 23rd Dec., a.m., via Kobe, &c.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Australasia* left Singapore on the 20th Dec. at noon for this port via Saigon.

"SCHIFFAH STEAMERS."

The A.L. China left Singapore for this port on the 15th Dec.

The P. & O. steamer *Java* left Singapore for this port on the 17th inst. at 5 p.m.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Pelorus* left Singapore on the 18th Dec. at daylight, and is due here on the 24th Dec.

The Indo-China steamer *Laisang*, from Calcutta, and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 26th Dec., and is due here on the 26th Dec.

The N.C. steamer *Taiyuan*, from Australian ports, left Sydney on the 7th Dec., and is due here on the 23rd Dec.

The A.A. steamer *Masapequa*, from New York, will leave Manila on the 25th Dec., and is due here on the 28th Dec.

The Glen Line steamer *Glenlogan* left Singapore on the 22nd Dec., and is due here on the 28th Dec.

The Boston S.S. Co.'s steamer *Tremont* arrived at Yokohama on the 13th Dec.

The steamer *Lowther Castle* left New York on the 5th Dec.

The C.P.R. steamer *Taritar* left Vancouver for Hongkong via the usual ports of call on Tuesday, the 13th Dec., a.m.

The steamer *Lyra* left Victoria on the 12th Dec.

The steamer *Germanicus* left Victoria (B.C.) on the 14th inst.

The P. & A. steamer *Nicomedea* arrived at Yokohama on the 16th Dec. and left again on

Loretz.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 20th December.

COMPANY. PAID UP QUOTATIONS.

Banks	\$125	\$715, sales L'don, 470 10s.
Natl. Bank of China	\$28	\$50, sellers
B. Shares	\$21	\$10, buyers
Foun. Shares		
Insurance	\$100	\$710, buyers \$68, sellers & col.
Union	\$25	\$18, sellers Tia. 9b, sellers
China Traders	\$5	\$160, buyers
North China		
Yangtze	\$70	\$260, buyers
Canton	\$30	\$235, sales & buy.
Hongkong Fire	\$30	\$90, sellers & buyers
China Fire		
Steamship Cos.—	\$10	\$284, sellers
H. Canton and M.	\$15	\$18, sellers
Indo-China S. N.	\$30	\$24, sellers
China and Manila	\$30	\$334, buyers
Douglas Steamship	\$10	\$40, sellers
Star Ferry	\$5	\$30, sellers
Shek Transport &	\$1	25, gd, sellers
Trading Co.	\$10	\$8, 10.
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Refineries—		
China Sugar	\$100	\$221, sales
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$17, sellers
Minerals—		
Charbonnages	\$250	\$490
Charba	\$180	\$44, sellers
Dock Etd.—	\$50	\$217, sellers
H. & W. Dock & G.	\$50	\$114, sellers
New Amoy Dock	\$50	\$27, sellers
D.C. F. Boyd & Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$18, 10s.
Land and Building	\$100	\$148, sellers
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$80	\$8, 8, buyers
Kowloon Land & H.	\$30	\$50, sellers
West Point Building	\$50	\$124, sellers
Hongkong Hotels	\$10	\$12, sellers
Humphreys E.	\$34	\$5, sellers
Shanghai Land	\$30	\$3, 11.
Motor Mills—		
Evo.	\$10	\$25, buyers
International	\$75	\$10, 20.
Lau Lung Mow	\$100	\$10, 100, sellers
Say Suey	\$10	\$3, 8.
Hongkong		
Companie—		
Australasia, Ltd.	\$500	\$10, buyers
Hou's Asbestos E. & Co.	\$20	\$4, 10.
Campbell, Hayes & Co.	\$10	\$40, buyers
China Induced Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$1, 12, 8.
Cham Prov. L. & M.	\$10	\$61, 8.
Dairy Farm	\$10	\$30, buyers
Geo. Fenwick & Co.	\$10	\$45, sellers
Green Island Cement	\$10	\$30, sales
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$15, buyers
Hongkong & C. Gas	\$10	\$100, buyers
H. H. I. Traimways	\$25	\$25, 25.
Hongkong 10s	\$50	\$150, buyers
Hongkong 20s	\$10	\$20, sellers
H. Steam Water-	\$10	\$20, sellers
boat Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$84, sellers
Philippines Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$84, sellers
S. & H. Dyeing & C.	\$50	\$50.
Co., Ltd.	\$25	\$24, buyers
China Morning Post	\$25	\$1, 76, sellers
Tehrau Planting Co.	\$10	\$10, sellers
China Light and	\$10	\$10, sellers
Power Co., Ltd.	\$5	\$7.